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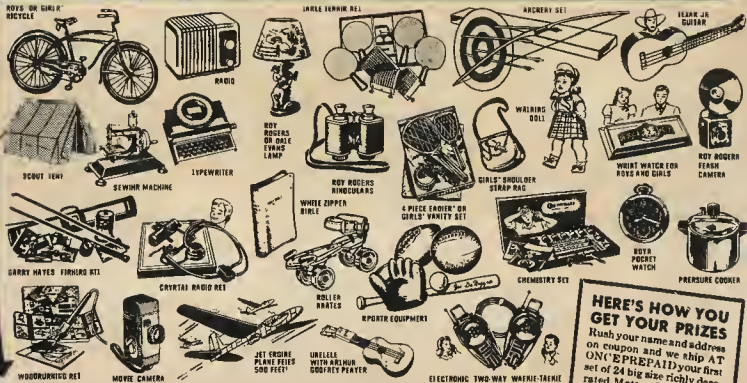
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**P**EG REED FELT THAT THE WORLD WAS AGAINST HER... THAT SOME UNCANNY CONSPIRACY HAD BEEN FORMED TO PREVENT HER HAVING THE ONE THING SHE THOUGHT SHE WANTED MOST. THEN SHE TOOK MATTERS INTO HER OWN SMALL HANDS... AND FOUND THAT SHE POSSESSED A . . . .

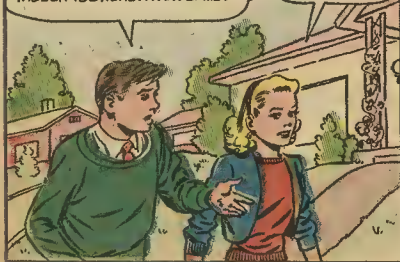
# TRICKY Heart



EVERYONE I KNEW SEEMED AMAZED AT MY DETERMINATION NOT TO GO TO THE STATE UNIVERSITY AFTER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION . . . BUT MOST OF ALL, KEN EVANS, WHOM I HAD KNOWN ALL MY LIFE . . .

IF WE DON'T GO TO COLLEGE TOGETHER, PEG, I . . . I'LL BE LOST! IT'S AS THOUGH YOU WERE A PART OF ME!

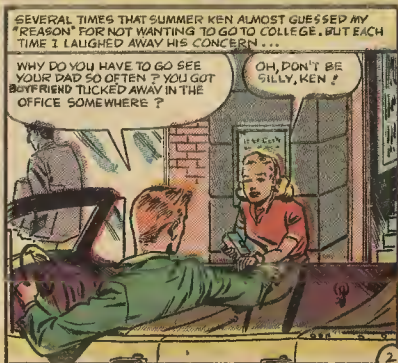
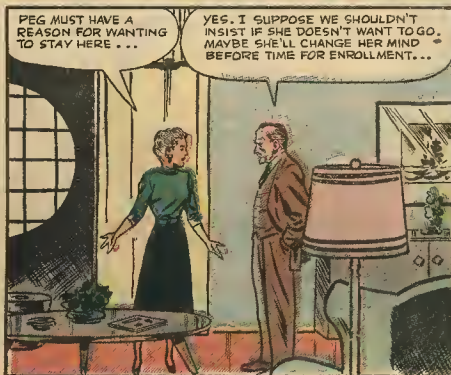
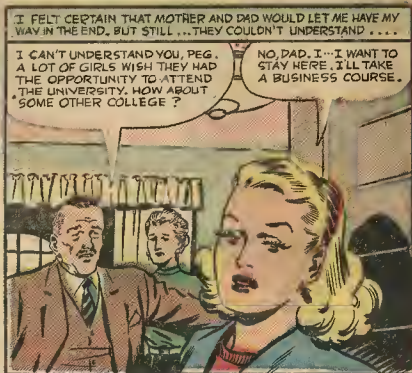
YOU CAN'T BE  
SERIOUS, KEN . .



IT'S TWO MONTHS BEFORE  
YOU'LL ENROLL AT THE UNIVERSITY...  
BY THAT TIME YOU WILL HAVE MADE UP  
YOUR MIND TO CARRY SOME ONE ELSE'S  
BOOKS HOME FROM SCHOOL!

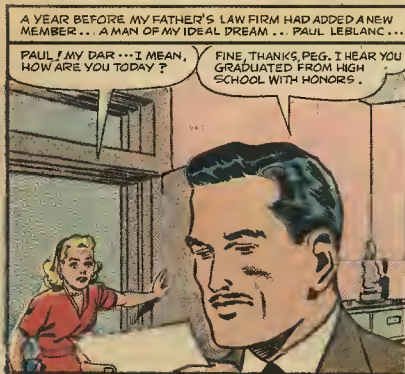
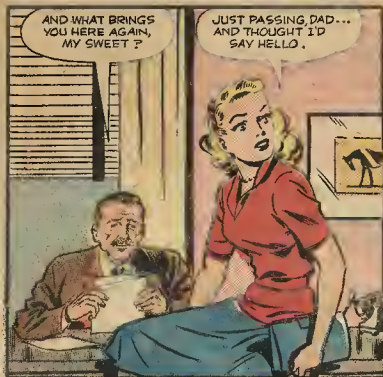


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## SKINNY

MEN ARE OFTEN ASHAMED TO STRIP FOR SPORTS OR FOR A SWIM

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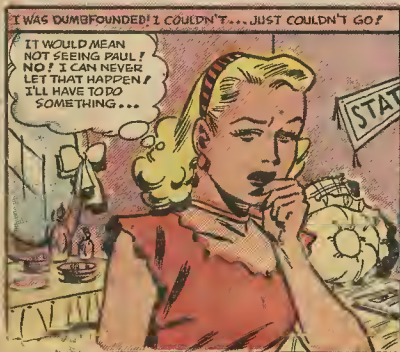
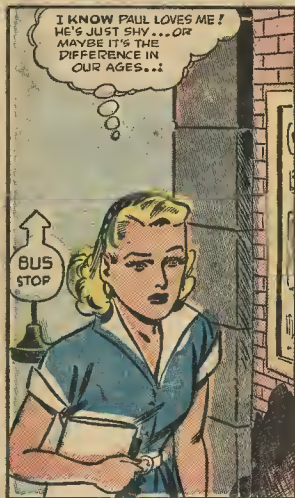
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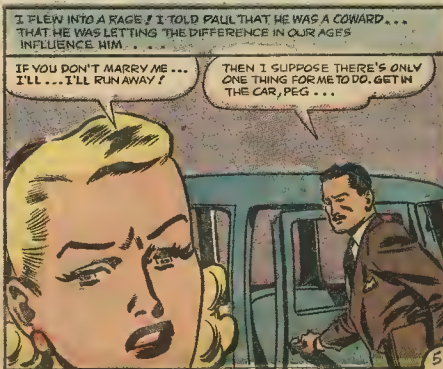
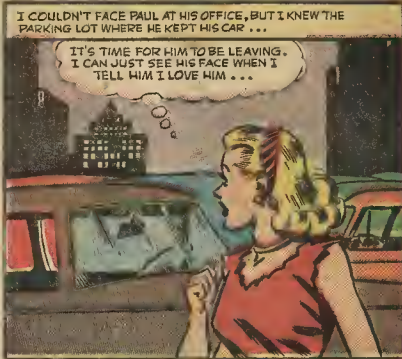
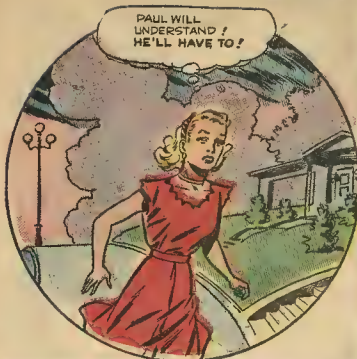
## SENT ON APPROVAL—MAKE AMAZING 10-DAY TEST

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PAUL DROVE SILENTLY...WHILE I WONDERED WHERE WE WERE GOING...COULD IT BE THAT I HAD CONVINCED HIM...? FINALLY WE REACHED A SMALL TOWN SOME DISTANCE AWAY...

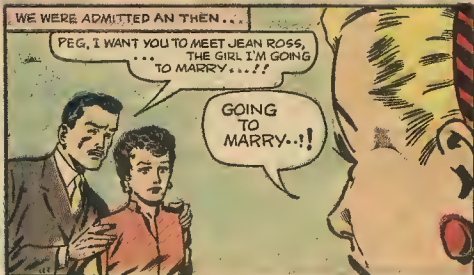
MAYBE MY DREAMS ARE COMING TRUE AT LAST...



WE WERE ADMITTED AN THEN...

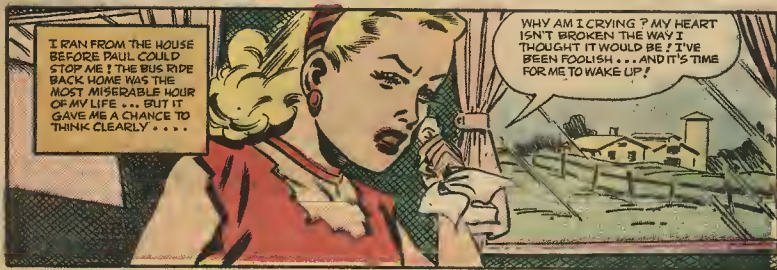
PEG, I WANT YOU TO MEET JEAN ROSS, THE GIRL I'M GOING TO MARRY...!!

GOING TO MARRY...!!



I RAN FROM THE HOUSE BEFORE PAUL COULD STOP ME! THE BUS RIDE BACK HOME WAS THE MOST MISERABLE HOUR OF MY LIFE... BUT IT GAVE ME A CHANCE TO THINK CLEARLY....

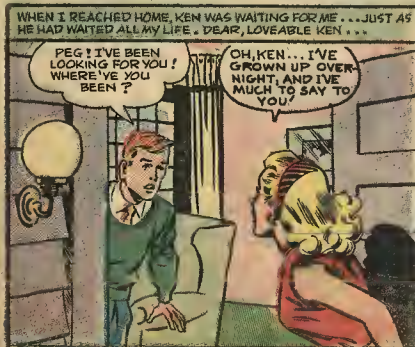
WHY AM I CRYING? MY HEART ISN'T BROKEN THE WAY I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE! I'VE BEEN FOOLISH... AND IT'S TIME FOR ME TO WAKE UP!



WHEN I REACHED HOME, KEN WAS WAITING FOR ME...JUST AS HE HAD WAITED ALL MY LIFE...DEAR, LOVEABLE KEN...

PEG! I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU! WHERE'VE YOU BEEN?

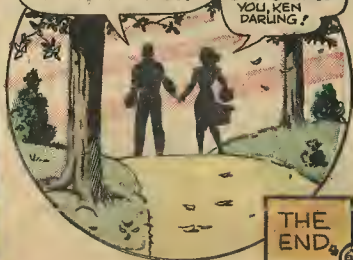
OH, KEN... I'VE GROWN UP OVER NIGHT, AND I'VE MUCH TO SAY TO YOU!



IT'S SO WONDERFUL AT THE UNIVERSITY...AND IT'S BECAUSE I'M HERE WITH KEN...MY KEN!

LIKE I SAID, PEG... I COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN ALONG WITHOUT YOU!

AND I COULD NEVER GET ALONG WITHOUT YOU, KEN DARLING!



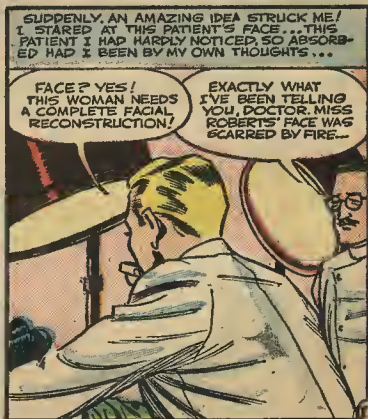
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**A**S A DOCTOR AND MAN OF SCIENCE, I SHOULD HAVE HAD MORE DETACHMENT, MORE OBJECTIVITY WHEN THE BLOW FELL. BUT WHEN I LOST MONA, I FELT I HAD LOST THE WORLD. HER FACE WAS EVERYWHERE BEFORE ME. HOW COULD I BE CONSOLED BY A ...

# NEW FACE



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WHEN I TOLD MISS ROBERTS WHAT I WOULD DO, SHE MERELY NODDED. POOR SOUL! BEING SO DISFIGURED, HOW COULD SHE NOT WANT A BEAUTIFUL FACE? I WENT TO WORK QUICKLY, EAGERLY, INSPIREDLY...

HER FACE WILL TURN OUT EXACTLY LIKE MONA'S!



THE DAY ARRIVED, MONTHS LATER, WHEN THE BANDAGES WERE REMOVED. MISS ROBERTS STARED AT HER NEW FACE IN SHOCKED DISBELIEF...



BEAUTIFUL ISN'T IT? I KNOW THE ORIGINAL OF THAT FACE. I FELL IN LOVE WITH IT. BUT THE GIRL SPURNED MY DEVOTION. I NEVER UNDERSTOOD WHY.



BECAUSE SHE THOUGHT YOU WERE NOT IN LOVE WITH HER, ELLIOT. SHE FELT YOU LOVED YOUR WORK TO THE EXCLUSION OF EVERYTHING ELSE...



TH-THAT VOICE...!



I-I KNOW THAT VOICE! Y-YOU'RE...

YES, ELLIOT. I'M MONA. I DIDN'T SPEAK BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO KNOW WHO I WAS. I INVENTED THE OTHER MAN, HOPING TO AROUSE YOUR JEALOUSY. THEN FATE INTERVENED...



BUT WHEN YOU CREATED MY IMAGE ALL OVER AGAIN, NOT KNOWING WHO I WAS, I KNEW I'D BEEN WRONG. YOU DID LOVE ME... AS I LOVE YOU!

HER FACE WAS NEW... BUT THE REST OF HER WAS THE WOMAN I'D LOVE FOREVER AND SEE FOREVER... AS MY WIFE!

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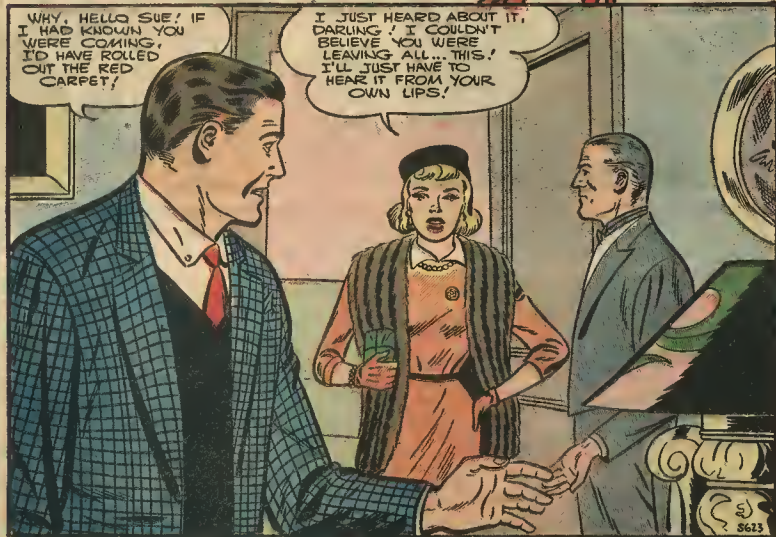




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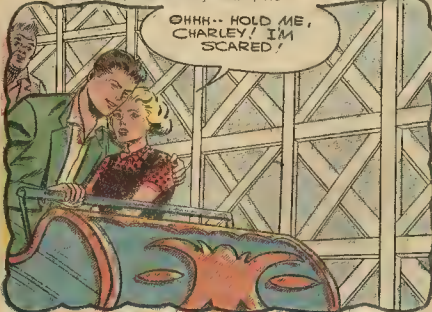
IT WAS FED UP WITH THE SHAM, THE GLOSS! I WAS GOING AWAY! AND THE SUB CAME, BEARING ...

# The PARTING Gift

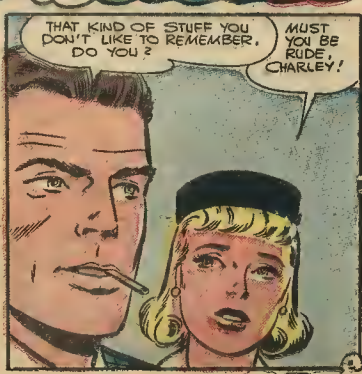
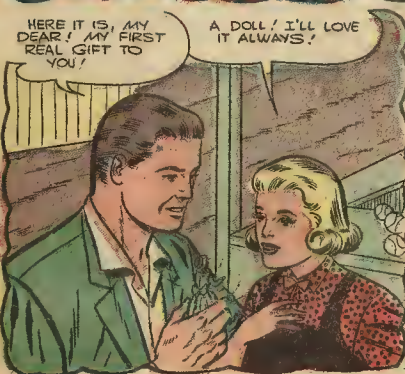
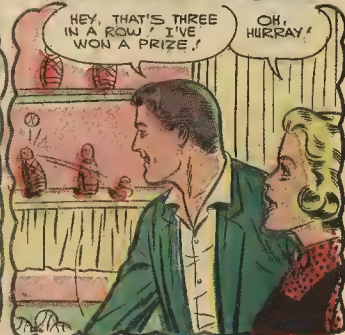




"I MEAN THINGS LIKE THE ROLLER COASTER AT THE PARK! NEITHER OF US HAD THE MONEY THEN, DID WE? ME, A STRUGGLING ARTIST, YOU, A SINGER WITHOUT A CONTRACT...

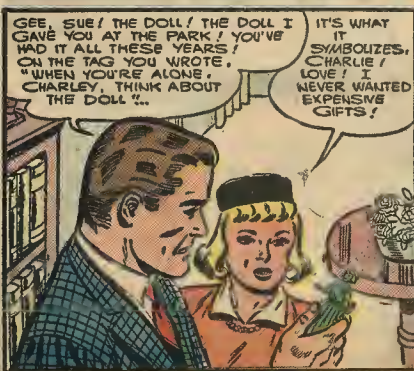


OR THE TIME WHEN I TRIED TO KNOCK THOSE THINGS OFF THE SHELF...





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SHE WAS RIGHT! IT HAD BEEN ME WHO WANTED TO SPLASH THE MONEY AROUND! AND ALL THE WHILE I WAS BLAMING HER! I FOUND HER LIPS -- SHE WAS AS SWEET AS EVER!

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# THE MESSAGE

By Irene Smith



NEVER had Pru seen the Mississippi River so still, nor quite so beautiful. Turning, as her father came out of the little cabin, she pointed first to the water, then to the old dilapidated buildings lining the shore. "And some folks say we're crazy to make our home on an old barge. People sure are funny, Pop. They're the ones who are crazy, living huddled together in tenements like rabbits huddled in warrens."

"Maybe they're as pleased with their warrens as we are with this barge." He sat down, a big, heavily tanned man with surprisingly delicate hands. "I wouldn't cry anymore if I were you." He touched her cheek gently, adoration gleaming in his eyes. "Tears only spoil a girl's beauty. Tears don't change things. They have no effect upon the future. Try to forget it."

"Forget it?" Her little chin came forward belligerently as she darted a truly murderous glance at the faded red warehouse two blocks down the shore. "He lied to me, Pop! He lied to me and made a fool of me and—and then fired me. How can I forget something like that? Why, he's nothing but a—a horrid monster!"

Trembling, as the tears rose to her bright black eyes again, she rose and rushed into the cabin. "Vincent," her heart moaned, "Vincent, why? Everything was so beautiful. Don't you remember the Mardi Gras? Don't you remember all those afternoons and evenings since the Mardi Gras? Don't you remember the kisses, the soft words we said to one another?"

But there was no answer to the question, just as there had been no answer to the question when she had talked to him that morning.

"Why?" He had shrugged, a strange expression marring the rugged handsomeness of

his face. "Just because we don't need you anymore, Miss Gordon. Business isn't as good as it was. We have to cut down somewhere, and you're the last person we took on."

He said it just as though she were just another employee. As though he had never called her beautiful in the glow of the Louisiana moon, as though he had never said he cared for her.

"Business isn't bad at all, *Mr. Hegel*," she had stormed. "Why—why every desk is full of orders."

But he had refused to discuss the matter further. He refused to go into the real reason he was firing her.

"They're all monsters!" she raged as her father came into the cabin. "Do you hear? They're all monsters."

"Really?" He sat down before his easel, chuckling, and studied the girl in the painting—the girl in pedal-pushers with brown bare feet and a happy expression on her face. "You know," he said gently, "you are much prettier in the painting than you are now. This might be a masterpiece, do you know that? I knew I was smart to quit that job, buy this old barge and take up painting in earnest. Now if I could just get rid of you, life would be tranquil and perfect. No more stormings. No more ugly tears. Peace and quiet. It sounds wonderful."

SHE dried her tears with the back of her hand. "You won't get rid of me, so there. I've learned my lesson. I was silly to take an office job, silly to leave our barge. Do you know what New Orleans is? It's a jungle world—devour or be devoured—with people using you and hurting you."

"And loving you, perhaps?"

"Making love to other women behind my back, perhaps. I saw her at the door of his office. I saw her!"

"Or maybe, my stormy petrel, you saw nothing. Maybe you were blind in a way that a girl in love should never be."

"At the door of his office, I saw her smiling at him, winking at him, as though they had a secret they were gloating over. As though—"

"It seems," he said quietly, "that there was a secret. You might go out on deck and use your eyes for a change."

She swallowed hard, then rose in obedience to the command of his eyes. "Pop—"

"Outside, Pru. Really, I thought you youngsters were smart. I thought—" he broke off laughing as she darted from the cabin.

**P**RU stopped suddenly. There stood the tall strikingly attractive woman Pru had seen smiling and winking at Vincent Hegel at the door of his office. "You get off my barge," she raged. "You get off my barge at once, Miss Koskins."

"Gladly, Pru. I never could stand the turbulent sea. But before I go, it seems that the boss wants you to have dinner with him."

Pru gulped as her anger was replaced by quivering joy within her. "He—he does?"

Miss Koskins' smile became broader. "He wasn't being fair to the other girls at the office, Pru. It seems that he was so in love with one particular stenographer that he was giving her all the breaks. So, being a fair man, he fired her for another reason, too. I think he fired her because he doesn't approve of wives working."

Pru's breath quickened. "He—he told you to tell me that, Miss Koskins?"

"He told me to straighten the matter out as

best I could. He told me—well, in a sense that is a message from him, Pru. About that dinner. I would—"

But Pru wasn't listening. A slim attractive creature with a rosy face and sparkling eyes was already running up the gangplank to the pier and along the shore to the faded red warehouse she had left in tears only a few short hours ago. But there were no tears now. Now there was a song in her throat to match the wild singing of her blood and pounding heart. "Upstairs!" she cried to the elevator man. "Tony, upstairs as fast as you can make it!"

And then the world became good again. For there in the hall stood Vincent, his lean handsome face anxious.

"Miss Koskins said—"

"Miss Koskins said too much, blast her. *She* was the one who started all this. *She* was the one who told me I had to fire you if I expected to maintain the high morale of the office workers."

**B**UT it didn't matter. They were together again. And that did matter!

"I had to put it the way I did. I couldn't explain until this afternoon when I got this, Pru," and he slipped something into her hand.

Pru stared wide-eyed at the diamond ring in the little blue velvet box. The thunder of her heart grew louder and louder in her ears. "An engagement ring," she cried, "and I thought you had stopped loving me. I—I thought you and Miss Koskins—"

"Stopped loving you?" he cupped her face tenderly between his hands. "Next time, don't run away so quickly. Let me prove the way I feel," and, bending down, he kissed her there in the middle of the hall.

THE END



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THEY CALLED ME A 'GRIND' IN SCHOOL BECAUSE I STUDIED WHILE MOST OF THE GANG WAS OUT! HAVING A GOOD TIME! BUT I WAS AT THE TOP OF MY CLASS AND I DIDN'T NEED TO STUDY AS MUCH AS I DID! THE REAL REASON WHY I STAYED HOME WAS BECAUSE I HAD...



I WAS MISERABLE--I LIKED TO ENJOY LIFE BUT I'D NEVER LEARNED HOW--SO I PRETENDED TO LIKE BEING A GRADE A DRIP...

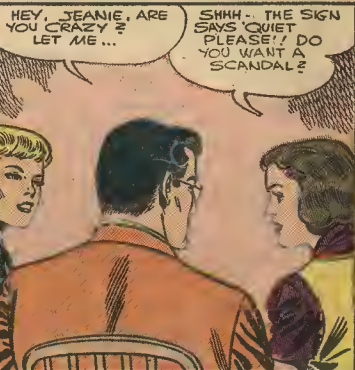
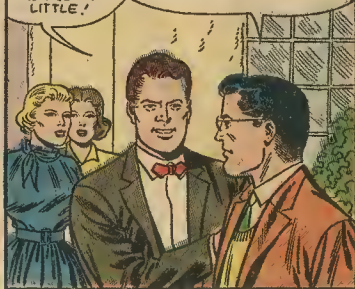


DON'S PAL WAS WAITING IN HIS CAR--MINUTES LATER THEY WERE AT THE DANCE! TO HIS SURPRISE, DON FOUND HIMSELF LIKING THE DEAL...



SKIP THE BOOKS, DON! WE'RE GOING TO DINTY'S TO WALTZ A LITTLE!

WHAT YOU CALL 'WALTZING' WOULD MAKE AN INDIAN WAR DANCE LOOK LIKE A KNITTING BEE! I'LL SETTLE FOR THE LIBRARY!



I... I KIND OF LIKE THIS! BUT I'M NO FUN TO DANCE WITH, JEANIE!

DON'T BE A GOON, DON! FROM NOW ON, TWO LEFT FEET OR NOT, YOU'RE TAKING ME TO ALL THE DANCES!



END

# Abandoned LOVE

HELLO, RIVERVIEW!  
I KNOW I'M GOING TO  
LIKE YOU, A CITY GIRL  
SHOULD CERTAINLY  
CREATE A SPLASH IN  
SUCH A SLEEPY  
OLD BURG.

THERE YOU GO  
AGAIN, MEG, JUMPING  
TO CONCLUSIONS. EVER  
SINCE YOU WERE A CHILD,  
IT'S BEEN THE  
SAME!

Taking things for granted is akin to  
gambling with Destiny... and the odds  
are all against you! Meg Martin was  
foolish enough to regard anticipated  
events as occurrences; and unuttered  
words as already said. Even with  
love at stake, she persisted in this  
headstrong attitude and found  
too late that heartbreak  
awaited her...

Dad had just  
been promoted  
to the district  
managership  
of the  
Ironclad Credit  
Company,  
and we had  
moved from  
the big city  
into the  
former  
manager's  
house in  
the little  
town of  
Riverview.

DON'T BE ANGRY,  
DAD. I JUST MEANT  
THAT I'M GOING TO  
BE HAPPY HERE.

WELL, NEITHER OF  
YOU WILL LIKE IT  
UNLESS WE GET  
STRAIGHTENED OUT  
COME ON, YOU IDLERS  
WE'VE GOT A HOUSE  
TO FIX UP!

OF ALL THINGS TO FORGET—  
A HAMMER! MEG, WILL YOU  
TAKE A RUN DOWN TO THE  
HARDWARE STORE AND  
PICK ONE UP?

SURE WILL,  
DAD. NEED  
ANYTHING  
ELSE?

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# ROMANTIC SECRETS

I headed for the store - feeling more self-confident with every step I took...

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE, MEG MARTIN, YOUR BIG CHANCE! A SMART CITY GIRL CAN CERTAINLY AMOUNT TO SOMETHING IN A QUANT LITTLE TOWN LIKE THIS...



I'LL BE RIGHT WITH YOU, MISS.

DON'T HURRY - I'LL JUST LOOK AROUND.



GOOD DAY, MISS. NOW, WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?

I - I'D LIKE A HAMMER - PLEASE.

NEW HERE, AREN'T YOU?

YES, BUT I EXPECTED THAT IN A TOWN OF THIS SIZE, EVERYONE WOULD KNOW MY NAME AND ADDRESS BY NOW...

THE TOWN'S NOT *THAT* SMALL! BUT YOUR REMARK IS A CUE FOR INTRODUCTIONS. I'M TOM DAVIDSON, AND YOU ARE...

MEG MARTIN. MY DAD'S THE NEW MANAGER OF IRONCLAD. WE'RE LIVING IN MR. LOFTUS' OLD HOUSE. WELL, GOOBYE, NOW.



JUST AS I THOUGHT - HE SEEMS GLAD TO SEE - OH! HE HAS A GIRL WITH HIM!



Outside, later, Tom introduced me to his friends, but I resented the girl's presence, and...

SAY, MEG - HOW ABOUT LETTING US DRIVE YOU HOME?

NO THANK YOU! I'D RATHER WALK!



# ROMANTIC SECRETS

I walked off—certain that the other girl was Tom's date and he wouldn't have a chance to devote himself to me. But as the day passed, without my seeing Tom again, I began to regret my hasty action. Then one Saturday morning...

HELLO, MEG MARTIN! WANT A GUIDE TO SHOW YOU OUR COUNTRY-SIDE?

WHY, I'D LOVE IT, BUT—ER—WOULD YOUR GIRL FRIEND APPROVE?

YOU MEAN THE GIRL YOU MET THE OTHER NIGHT? OF COURSE, SHE'D APPROVE! ESPECIALLY SINCE SHE'S TED PHILLIPS' FIANCEE!

WELL, THEN, I ACCEPT YOUR OFFER, KIND SIR. THERE'S AN OLD FASHIONED CHARM ABOUT RIVERVIEW THAT FASCINATES ME.

WELL, JUST WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE THE BEAUTIFUL HOMES WE HAVE TUCKED AWAY OUTSIDE OF TOWN.

LET'S GO! THIS PATH LOOKS INVITING!



Our walks became almost a ritual every weekend after that.

The wind, the rolling hills, the scudding clouds—and Tom by my side—gave life a zest I'd never known before. Then one day, he took me to the river...

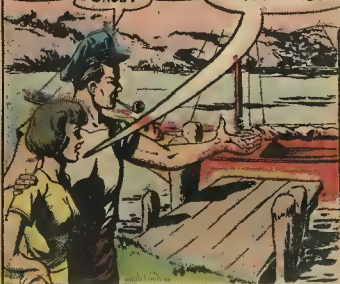
HOW DO YOU LIKE IT? I JUST PUT THROUGH A BIG DEAL WITH A SMALL BOY AND BOUGHT THIS YACHT. HE SWORE IT WAS J.P. MORGAN'S, ONCE!

OR CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS? DO YOU THINK WE'LL GET BACK WITHOUT DROWNING?

And soon...

TOM—WHAT A DIVINE HOUSE! LOOK OVER THERE!...

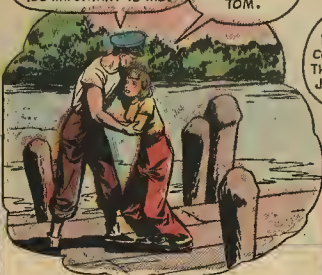
OH, THAT—IT'S CALLED FAIRBURY. IT'S A GRAND PLACE BUT RATHER RUN-DOWN. IT'S FOR SALE, INCIDENTALLY.



Later, when we returned, I tripped, and the next thing I knew, Tom's powerful arms were around me and his lips met mine in a kiss that was unexpectedly sweet. He held me firmly but carefully, as though he were holding something precious...

MEG! MEG, DEAR! I WAS AFRAID YOU'D HURT YOURSELF AND I CAN'T HAVE ANYTHING HAPPEN TO YOU. YOU'RE TOO IMPORTANT TO ME.

I'M—I'M ALL RIGHT, TOM.



We walked slowly back to town—content in the closeness only two people in love can know. And then, after he left me, I went to the town's real estate agency and...

...AND IF IT'S HUMANLY POSSIBLE, MR. SAUNDERS... COULD YOU KEEP FAIRBURY OFF THE MARKET A FEW DAYS? YOU JUST CAN'T SELL IT TO ANYONE ELSE!

I'LL BE GLAD TO HOLD IT FOR YOU, MISS MARTIN!





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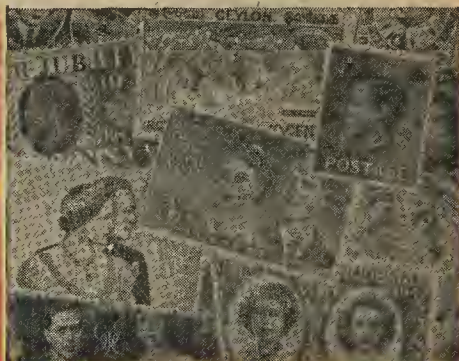
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# ROMANTIC SECRETS

My mission completed, I dashed home -eager to tell Mother all that had happened-especially about Tom...

OH, MOM! I'M SO HAPPY! HE'S JUST EVERYTHING TO ME -- AND HE SAID I WAS EVERYTHING TO HIM! I KNOW HE'S GOING TO ASK ME TO MARRY HIM!

DID HE SAY SO?



WELL, NOT EXACTLY... BUT I JUST KNOW HE WILL.

I'M SURE IT WILL ALL WORK OUT ALL RIGHT, MEG. BUT YOU MUST GET OVER COUNTING ON THINGS BEFORE THEY HAPPEN NOW. RUN UP STAIRS AND CLEAN UP FOR DINNER



I persuaded Tom to take me out to Fairbury the following Saturday, and, as we ventured forth, my heart hummed a thrilling accompaniment to the songs of the morning birds...

MAYBE I CAN JUMP IT, TOM.

OH, NO, YOU DON'T! I'M NOT PASSING UP AN EXCUSE TO HOLD YOU IN MY ARMS!



MEG--MY MEG! I LOVE YOU!

AND I LOVE YOU, TOM -- I ALWAYS WILL!



Just being with Tom was rapture to me. Then, soon, we reached the house...

OH, ISN'T IT BEAUTIFUL, TOM? IT'S JUST THE KIND OF PLACE I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF!



Once inside, my mind was busy assigning a room for Tom's den, my room, and planning how I'd furnish the living room.

And as I spoke, I sensed that Tom's gay mood had vanished and he was obviously ill-at-ease. Then...

OH, TOM, CAN'T YOU FEEL IT? THE HOUSE SEEMS TO SAY, "I BELONG TO YOU -- I'M YOURS AND TOM'S." TOM, THIS IS THE HOUSE WE'LL LIVE IN -- THIS IS OURS, TOM!

ER... DON'T YOU THINK WE'D BETTER BE GETTING ALONG NOW, MEG?

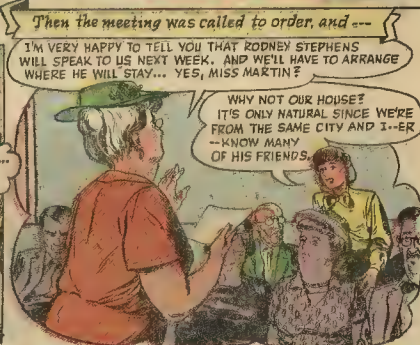
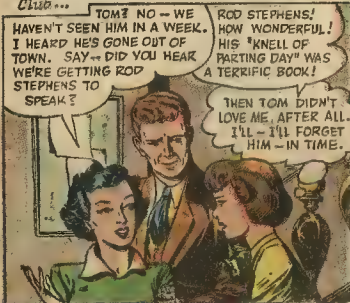




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But the days passed slowly--with no word from Tom. Then one evening at the Literary Club...

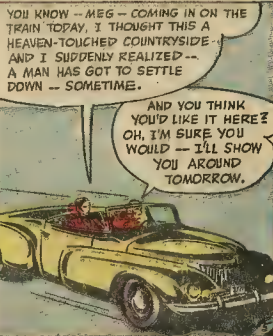


Then, a week later, Rod Stephens spoke and was a tremendous success...



As we drove home, I was alone with Rod Stephens for the first time.

And, as I looked at his handsome profile, I knew a sudden hope that maybe he would give me the chance to forget Tom. And then...



# ROMANTIC SECRETS

The next few days, we walked everywhere, and the bond of our friendship grew stronger. He said nothing, really, but I sensed that he cared - and often I would intercept his glance upon me...

I DON'T KNOW WHEN I'VE HAD SO MUCH FUN. YOU'RE A WONDERFUL COMPANION.

THANK YOU, ROD - BUT NOW LET ME GIVE YOU A TREAT - LOOK, FAIRBURY!



ARE YOU PSYCHIC, MEG? THAT'S THE VERY PLACE I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR. I'VE PRACTICALLY DESCRIBED IT BOARD BY BOARD IN MY LATEST BOOK! HOW DID YOU DISCOVER IT?

OH, ER, WITH - WITH A FRIEND.



As Rod enthused, I recalled sadly, in spite of myself, how I had a dream of - of Tom and me in this house. But I pushed those disturbing memories from my mind and...

CAREFUL, MEG! YOU'RE WALKING AS THOUGH YOU'RE IN A DREAM!

OHHH!



GOT YOU! YOU SEEMED SO INDEPENDENT - BUT I CAN SEE THAT YOU'RE NOT, REALLY! YOU'D MAKE A WONDERFUL HEROINE FOR A BOOK - AND A WONDERFUL WIFE FOR SOME MAN!

HE'S PROPOSING - ME, MRS. ROD STEPHENS!

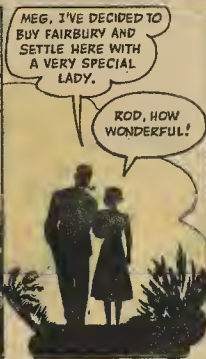


COME ON - BE OFF WITH YOU! CAN'T YOU TWO READ? NO TRESPASSING - THE SIGN SAYS!

SORRY, OLD BOY! I HAD SOMETHING MORE ATTRACTIVE TO LOOK AT THAN YOUR SIGN.

MEG, I'VE DECIDED TO BUY FAIRBURY AND SETTLE HERE WITH A VERY SPECIAL LADY.

ROD, HOW WONDERFUL!

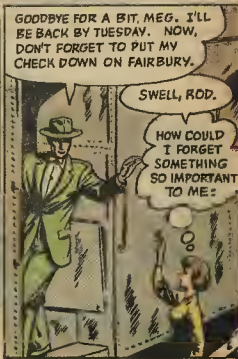


Rod left, the next morning, still without formally proposing, but in his words - his tone - I read confirmation of my thoughts.

GOODBYE FOR A BIT, MEG. I'LL BE BACK BY TUESDAY. NOW, DON'T FORGET TO PUT MY CHECK DOWN ON FAIRBURY.

SWELL, ROD.

HOW COULD I FORGET SOMETHING SO IMPORTANT TO ME?





# ROMANTIC SECRETS

A little later...

HERE'S THE CHECK FOR THE DOWN PAYMENT ON FAIRBURY, MR. SAUNDERS! AND THANKS FOR HOLDING IT FOR ME!

ROD STEPNES' CHECK! YOU'RE A SLY ONE, MISS MARTIN! I GUESS YOU'LL BE HAVING SOME EXCITING NEWS FOR US BEFORE LONG.

In no time, word of Rod's decision had spread, and I denied none of the implications of his purchase of Fairbury—for in my heart I was sure he would soon return and say the thrilling words I was so certain he had suggested!

DID YOU KNOW ROD STEPNES, THE AUTHOR, HAS BOUGHT FAIRBURY? AND MEG HADN'T DENIED THAT HE'S PLANNING TO MARRY HER.

I WONDER IF TOM HAS HEARD? BUT I-I MUST FORGET HIM - I MUST!



Yet, Tom kept coming into my mind. His cousin Ted had had no word, either, and was beginning to worry, too. But why concern myself with someone who had jilted me, when I'd soon be Mrs. Rod Stephens?

I'VE CALLED YOU THREE TIMES FOR DINNER, MEG. WHAT'S THE MATTER?

NOTHING, MOTHER. I'M COMING.



The next day in town...

ROD WILL BE HERE TODAY! AND THEN - I KNEW I'D CREATE A SPLASH IN THIS TOWN! HOW THEY ENVY ME - GETTING A FAMOUS MAN LIKE ROD!

HELLO, MEG!

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TOM! WHAT-WHY, TOM! I-- WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

IN THE CITY, MEG. OH, BY THE WAY-- CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE -- I HOPE YOU'LL BE VERY HAPPY.

BUT - BUT WHAT HAPPENED? YOU WENT OFF WITHOUT A WORD TO ANYONE!

IT'S TOO LATE, NOW - BUT I THOUGHT I WAS STORING UP A BIG SURPRISE. IT TURNED OUT TO BE A MASTER STROKE OF BAD LOGIC! LOOK - LET'S TAKE A WALK--AND TALK A LITTLE--



# ROMANTIC SECRETS

Tom told me that when he saw how much Fairbury meant to me, he determined to get it as a surprise for me. He had only a little money, but a chain store had bid high for his place, and he went to the city to complete the deal...

THEY ASKED ME TO STAY AS MANAGER FOR THEM, SO I HAD TO GO TO SCHOOL AND LEARN THEIR METHODS. THE MINUTE I GOT BACK TO TOWN, I LAID THE MONEY ON SAUNDERS' DESK FOR FAIRBURY - TOO LATE!



BUT, TOM, YOU NEVER SAID SO AND LEFT WITHOUT A WORD!

SO, YOU WORKED ON THE ASSUMPTION I DIDN'T LOVE YOU, EVEN THOUGH I TOLD YOU I DID. PREMATURE JUDGMENT'S A TERRIBLE FAULT. MEG. BUT THERE'S NOTHING ELSE TO SAY NOW - EXCEPT GOODBYE.



To me, Tom's searing words rang a death knell for our love. Mother's warning that I assumed too much came back to me. But there was no point in remembering it now. Besides, there was Rod... his train was due any minute...

I'LL BE HAPPY WITH ROD. I KNOW I WILL.



And SOON...

HERE IT COMES NOW... AND THE BEGINNING OF A NEW LIFE FOR ME!



ROD! OH, ROD!



OH, ROD, I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER GET HERE!

HI, MEG! IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK!



I couldn't believe my eyes as Rod turned away, and assisted the loveliest girl I'd ever seen off the train! I choked back my tears... there must be some mistake... but I knew there was none when she spoke...

YOU MUST BE THE MEG MARTIN I'VE HEARD ABOUT - WHO WAS SO KIND TO ROD!

MEG - THIS IS WILMA - MY WIFE, THANKS TO YOU. SHE SAID SHE'D NEVER MARRY ME TILL I FOUND A PLACE LIKE THE ONE DESCRIBED IN MY BOOK.





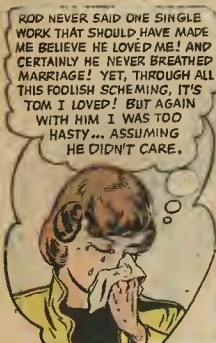
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YES - I'M -  
I'M SURE  
YOU'LL BE  
HAPPY IN  
FAIRBURY.

WE'RE GOING OUT THERE  
RIGHT AWAY -- I CAN'T  
WAIT. AND YOU MUST  
COME WITH US, MEG -  
BECAUSE WE OWE  
IT ALL TO YOU!

Of course,  
I didn't go with  
them. As I  
stood alone  
in the station,  
the bitterness  
of discovery  
engulfed me.  
My casual  
taking of things  
for granted  
had come home  
at last,  
bringing  
tear-stained  
realization  
of my  
folly...



ROD NEVER SAID ONE SINGLE  
WORD THAT SHOULD HAVE MADE  
ME BELIEVE HE LOVED ME! AND  
CERTAINLY HE NEVER BREATHED  
MARRIAGE! YET, THROUGH ALL  
THIS FOOLISH SCHEMING, IT'S  
TOM I LOVED! BUT AGAIN  
WITH HIM I WAS TOO  
HASTY... ASSUMING  
HE DIDN'T CARE.



But losing Tom was not to be my  
sole punishment in the days  
that followed...

OH, BROTHER, I'LL BET MEG MUST  
FEEL SILLY EVERY TIME SHE SEES  
ROD STEPHENS AND  
HIS WIFE.



YES - I DO FEEL SILLY... WORSE THAN  
SILLY. BUT I DESERVE ALL THE  
RIDICULE. I BROUGHT IT UPON  
MYSELF BY ASSUMING  
THINGS THAT WEREN'T  
SO.

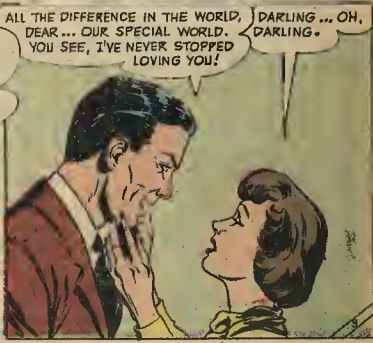


Ashamed  
of my  
outburst,  
I ran  
from the  
store.  
Suddenly  
a firm  
hand  
gripped  
my  
shoulder...



MEG! I OVERHEARD...  
OVERHEARD THE WORDS  
I'VE BEEN LONGING  
TO HEAR! YOU'VE  
REALIZED YOUR  
PAST MISTAKES!

OH, TOM, I  
HAVE! BUT  
AFTER THE WAY  
I'VE DESTROYED  
YOUR LOVE, WHAT  
DIFFERENCE  
DOES IT MAKE?



ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD,  
DEAR... OUR SPECIAL WORLD.  
YOU SEE, I'VE NEVER STOPPED  
LOVING YOU!

DARLING... OH,  
DARLING.

# ROMANTIC SECRETS

I AWOKE ONE MORNING TO FIND THAT MY HAPPY ROMANCE WITH KEN FARREL HAD COME TO A BITTER END! BUT SOMEHOW I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT WAS TRUE! AND SO, WITH HOPE IN MY HEART, I WAITED ANXIOUSLY THE RETURN OF...

## THE MAN I COULDN'T Forget!



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KEN FARREL... HIS VERY NAME SENT MY HEART SKIPPING! FOR THOUGH I HAD KNOWN HIM BUT A SHORT TIME HE WAS EVERYTHING I DESIRED IN A MAN...

GOODNIGHT, NANCY, HONEY. I HOPE YOU ENJOYED YOURSELF!

I ALWAYS DO... WHEN I'M WITH YOU, KEN. DEAR!



EACH TIME KEN HELD ME IN HIS ARMS... EACH TIME OUR LIPS MET, I HAD THE SAME WONDERFUL THOUGHT...

OH, DARLING, DARLING... WILL YOU EVER PROPOSE TO ME? I-I LOVE YOU SO MUCH!





# ROMANTIC SECRETS

AFTER KEN LEFT I ENTERED MY HOME ON A CLOUD OF HAPPINESS TO FIND MY CLOSEST FRIEND WAITING...

WHY, RUTH...  
WHATEVER ARE  
YOU DOING  
HERE AT THIS  
HOUR?

I--I COULDN'T GET  
A WINK OF SLEEP,  
NANCY--SO I  
THOUGHT I'D PASS  
BY! WHO DID YOU  
DATE TONIGHT...  
KEN?



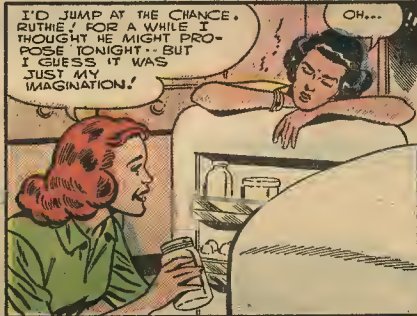
WHO ELSE, SILLY?  
COME OUT IN THE  
KITCHEN AND I'LL  
TELL YOU ALL  
ABOUT IT OVER  
A MIDNIGHT  
SNACK!

NANCY... ARE YOU  
REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT  
KEN? WHAT I MEAN  
IS--DO YOU HOPE TO  
MARRY HIM?



I'D JUMP AT THE CHANCE.  
RUTHIE! FOR A WHILE I  
THOUGHT HE MIGHT PRO-  
POSE TONIGHT--BUT  
I GUESS IT WAS  
JUST MY  
IMAGINATION!

OH...



HAD I KNOWN THE REASON  
FOR RUTHIE'S PROBING  
QUESTIONS, I IMAGINE I  
WOULD HAVE BECOME QUITE  
BITTER, BUT I WASN'T TO  
FIND THAT OUT UNTIL IT WAS  
**TOO LATE...**

I'LL... BE SEEING  
YOU NANCY.  
THANKS  
FOR THE  
COMPANY!

'BYE,  
RUTHIE!  
WE'LL  
PROBABLY  
MEET AT THE  
DANCE FRI-  
DAY NIGHT!



BUT BEFORE RUTHIE AND I  
WERE TO MEET AGAIN, I  
WAS DESTINED TO FACE  
MONTHS OF TORMENT AND  
ANGUISH--FOR THE NEXT  
MONTH I OVERHEARD SHOCK-  
ING NEWS!

DID YOU HEAR?  
RUTHIE GORDON  
AND KEN FARREL  
WERE MARRIED  
LAST  
NIGHT!

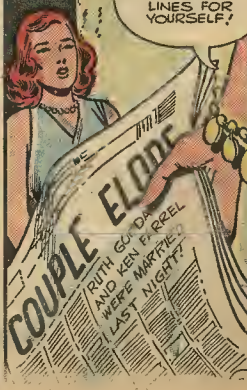
OH...  
HOW WONDER-  
FUL!

WHAT?  
NO...NO,  
IT COULDN'T  
BE TRUE!



Y--YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT  
YOU'RE SAYING!  
WHERE DID YOU  
PICK UP SUCH  
GOSSIP?

DON'T TAKE  
MY WORD  
FOR IT--  
LOOK AT  
THE HEAD-  
LINES FOR  
YOURSELF!



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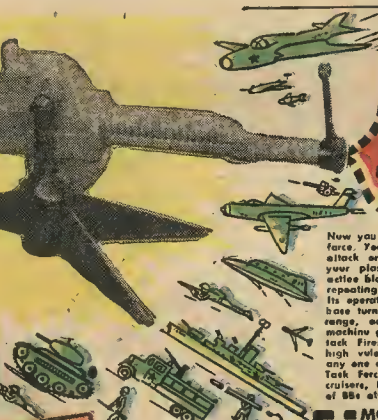
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  - tanks
  - gunners
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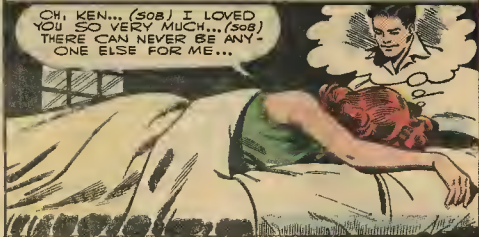
# ROMANTIC SECRETS

THERE ARE NO WORDS TO EX-  
PLAIN MY HEARTBREAK-- I  
WENT AROUND THE HOUSE  
FOR DAYS IN AN UTTER COMA...

THE BOY I LOVED MARRIED  
MY BEST FRIEND--  
I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE  
IT'S TRUE! HOW CRUEL  
CAN LIFE BE!

OF COURSE, LIKE ANY GIRL, I GAVE WAY TO TEARS...MY  
NIGHTS AND DAYS WERE FILLED WITH TORMENT...

OH, KEN... (SOB) I LOVED  
YOU SO VERY MUCH... (SOB)  
THERE CAN NEVER BE ANY-  
ONE ELSE FOR ME...



WHY (SOB)... WHY DID YOU DO THIS TO  
ME, KEN? (SOB) I HAD SUCH PLANS...  
LOVED YOU SO... OH KEN!!!



AND SO, IN THE DAYS AND WEEKS AHEAD, I  
TURNED MY BACK ON ROMANCE!

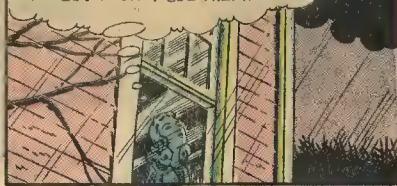
GRACIOUS, NANCY... YOU  
HAVEN'T BEEN OUT IN AGES...  
WHY DON'T YOU GO TO THE  
MOVIES WITH THE GIRLS?

I'D... RATHER  
NOT, MOTHER!  
SOMEONE  
MIGHT CALL  
ON THE PHONE!



THE WEEKS SLIPPED INTO MONTHS. IT WAS  
VERY LONELY!... I COULDN'T ESCAPE... I  
STILL LOVED THEM!

I WONDER WHAT HE'S DOING THIS  
VERY MINUTE... I HOPE HE'S HAPPY  
AND RUTH IS GOOD TO HIM... OH!  
IF I COULD ONLY SEE THEM!



IT WAS CLOSE TO A YEAR LATER THAT I  
ANSWERED THE PHONE!

OH RUTH! IT'S SO  
GOOD TO HEAR  
FROM YOU! HOW'S KEN?  
WHY HAVEN'T YOU  
CALLED OR LET ME  
KNOW IN SOMEWAY...

PLEASE...  
DON'T BE  
ANGRY WITH  
ME, NANCY!  
YOU'RE... THE  
ONLY ONE I  
CAN TURN TO!  
I NEED YOUR  
HELP!



IT'S ABOUT KEN... YOU  
MUST COME TO DANBURY  
TOMORROW! I'M  
DESPERATE... OH...  
I'VE GOT TO  
HANG UP NOW  
BEFORE...  
(CLICK)



# ROMANTIC SECRETS

RUTHIE'S PROBLEM WAS OF GREAT CONCERN TO ME! I HURRIED TO DANBURY, HOPING THAT ALL WAS WELL WITH KEN--IT WOULD BE GOOD TO SEE HIM AGAIN! RUTHIE TOO!!

GRACIOUS... RUTHIE'S MOTHER MUST HAVE GIVEN ME THE WRONG ADDRESS--THEY COULDN'T LIVE HERE!

DO YOU KNOW IF THE FARRELS LIVE HERE, MRS. MAM?

HUMPH! THEY DO-- BUT NOT FOR LONG IF THEY DON'T GET THEIR RENT UP! THEY'RE IN 3B!

THAT WAS THE FIRST SHOCK. I WAS TO RECEIVE... THE SECOND CAME AS A PERSON I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE AT FIRST OPENED THE DOOR TO 3B...

OH, I MUST HAVE THE WRONG... RUTHIE!

I--I DON'T EXPECT I'M MUCH TO LOOK AT ANYMORE, NANCY--THINGS HAVE BEEN REALLY TOUGH FOR KEN AND ME!

I'LL NEVER FORGET THE NEXT SIGHT I SAW AS LONG AS I LIVE...

NANCY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

K-KEN--WHAT'S HAPPENED TO BOTH OF YOU?

IT'S JUST NO GOOD, NANCY! HE CAN'T FIND WORK AND HE'S NOT REALLY TRYING ANY MORE! I'VE HAD TO GET A JOB TO SUPPORT US...

YOU'D BETTER KEEP QUIET, RUTH--THIS DOESN'T CONCERN ANYONE!

THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG, KEN! YOU ARE BOTH MY FRIENDS AND I AM CONCERNED!

I'M SORRY YOU SAW ME THIS WAY, NANCY!--WE'LL TRY TO DO BETTER!

I HOPE I HAVE HELPED, RUTH! I FEEL SURE THAT THINGS WILL WORK OUT FOR YOU AND KEN!

IT SURE WAS SWELL OF YOU TO COME DOWN TO SEE US, NANCY!!! I FEEL BETTER ALREADY! I'LL WALK WITH YOU TO THE BUS!!

THE END



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